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Summary: White Space Problem Definition

- Increasing pressure from urbanization is limiting the availability of land, air, and sea resources.

- The military is competing for those same resources outside the fence-line that may be under the demand or control of others.

- This results in a reactive approach with stakeholders when military missions and civilian activities intersect.

White Space Definition

- *The operating area that is required to meet current and future military mission needs and is not under the control of the military.*

Why This Forum?

To Address:

- The need for a White Space policy

- Efforts which will allow civilians (federal, state, local, and private) responsible for any activity or assets within the white space that may have an impact on the military mission an opportunity to understand what the impact might be and in doing so, observe how the military mission might have an impact on them.

Our Goals at this Conference

- To begin the dialogue on where these natural and cultural resources managers believe they potentially intersect with the military mission

- To encourage and ultimately formalize the dialogue through data and information sharing describing activities and or assets that would effect, avert, or at least document and advise on the potential impacts to the military mission

- Explain our focus and strategy on defining and implementing a white space policy

Our Panel

- COL Robert C. Nolan; Commander, 46th Test Wing, Eglin AFB

- LCDR William J. Dunaway; Judge Advocate General's Corps, Fleet Forces Command

- Stan Norquist; Head, Natural Resources, MCB Camp Pendleton.

- Joe Ramirez; Community Plans and Liaison Officer, MCB Lejeune.

Presentations.....

Summary Comments

- *Presentations demonstrate individual services' tactical responses*

- *Need for coordinated strategic approach*

- *White space policy will provide the basis for a proactive approach implemented by each service*

- *Integrate white space management as part of the strategy for range sustainment*

Need Your Help

- *Currently building a meta-data library to populate our GIS*

- *What data and information do you control that would be appropriate to describe assets or activities in the white space?*

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Questions?